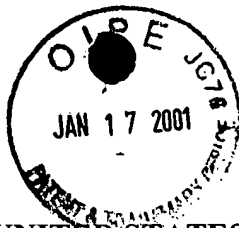


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. A check for the filing of the CPA and the associated fees is enclosed. Please charge any other fees necessary to our Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4391).

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add new claim 77 as follows:

*Sub 77*  
-- 77 (new). An information process apparatus which can communicate with a plurality of transmission apparatuses having a predetermined image pickup equipment for capturing an image, said information process apparatus comprising:

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reception means capable of receiving the image and a voice to be added to the image;

allocation means for allocating a control right to control operation for any of said plurality of transmission apparatuses, on the basis of the voice received by said reception means;